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Washington, D.C. 20515

December 9, 1982

The Honorable George Schultz
Secretary of State
Washington, DC 20520

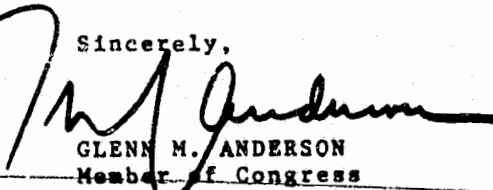
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I was recently contacted by the Armenian Assembly of America, who are concerned about a statement made in the August, 1982 edition of the Department of State Bulletin. From this statement, it would appear that the Department of State does not recognize the fact that a genocide of the Armenian people did occur in 1915.

It is manifestly evident that these terrible events took place. Many sources, including State Department records, testify to the loss of life. Despite our desire for friendship with the Turkish government, we must not forget the sacrifice of the Armenians.

I hope that future issues of the State Department Bulletin will recognize that sacrifice, and that a retraction of the August statement appears in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Sincerely,


GLENN M. ANDERSON
Member of Congress

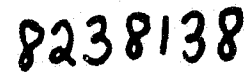
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

In modern times, genocide is a crime that can be committed only through the instrumentalities of a national government or with the approval of a national government. Both President Reagan^{2/} and President Carter^{3/} have acknowledged that the genocide of Armenians took place and that it must not be forgotten. The United States Senate confirmed the Armenian genocide on May 31, 1920 in S.Res.359. On April 8, 1975 the United States House of Representatives confirmed it in H.R.J.148, which I cosponsored. And of course the genocide is well documented in the State Department's cable from United States diplomats in Ottoman Turkey. These cables and Ambassador Morganthau's writings reflect no ambiguity regarding the responsibility of the Ottoman Government for the hideous fate of millions of Armenians.

- 1/ Corsun, Armenian Terrorism A Profile, Department of State Bulletin, at 35, (August, 1982).
- 2/ Reagan, Proclamation No. 4838 F.R.Doc. 81-12627 (1981).
- 3/ Carter, Remarks at the White House Reception Honoring Armenian Americans, May 16, 1978.

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This sort of revisionism is an outrage when engaged in by historians; it is absolutely inexcusable when it comes from the Department of State of the greatest democracy in the world. Consequently, I am formally requesting the Department reconsider its position on the matter and retract its erroneous Note of August 1982.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. O'Neill

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
The Speaker

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United States Senate

Respectfully referred to:

Mr. Powell Moore
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Because of the desire of this office to be
responsive to all inquiries and communications,
your consideration of the attached is
requested. Your findings and views, in
duplicate form, along with return of the
enclosure, will be appreciated by

Edward Zorinsky
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Form #2

re U.S. policy concerning the Armenian genocide
from Vigen K. Babayan D.M. Crocker 11/20/55

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Sickley Van Catta, Inc.
394 North Main Street
Indiana 46128
Vice President
Science and Technology

November 19, 1982

The Honorable Edward Zorinsky
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Zorinsky:

In the August, 1982 issue of the Department of State Bulletin, the official monthly record of United States Foreign Policy (Vol. 82, No. 2065) there appeared a report on Armenian Terrorism. As alarming as acts of violence may be, even more alarming was to note the usage of certain terms as "alleged", "ambiguous", "allegations", etc. in describing the Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks. The real shocker was the note at the end of the report which in essence is a disclaimer by the Department of State that a genocide took place in 1915.

The Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks in 1915 is a historical fact. It is not debatable or subject to negotiation. It is too well documented to warrant any such terms as "alleged", "ambiguous", or "allegations". This is a major reversal of the official State Department position from the time of President Woodrow Wilson to the present day. It is not only a contradiction of U. S. Policy of the past but also an attempt to aid and abet Turkey in her efforts to rewrite history and get away with the genocide she committed.

As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, you are in a position to make certain that the Department of State does not alter historical facts for the expediency of appeasing Turkey. I urge you to study the record of the United States since 1915 and the consistent position about the Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks. To change our position now is embarrassing and inconsistent with the truth.

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December 10, 1982

The Honorable Powell Moore
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have enclosed correspondence from Vigen Babayon which I believe is self-explanatory. I am grateful for your review of this matter, and for any information you might provide that will assist me in responding to this inquiry. Please respond to the attention of my Staff Assistant, Linda Zanelotti

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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Re: The Genocide of the Armenians by the
Turks in 1915.

D. M. Evans

11/20/82

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November 19, 1988

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Mr. Honorable Howard H. Baker
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Your help and cooperation to reestablish the Committee
U. S. Policy concerning the Armenian Genocide would be greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Vigen K. Babayan

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